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TALKS ON INDOCHINA BOUNDARY DISPUTES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Special Representatives level talks on the Indo-China boundary dispute were held during the month of September,2008 in Beijing;and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)& (b) The twelfth round of Special Representatives Talks on the India-China boundary question was held in Beijing from 18 to 19 September 2008.The Special Representatives of the two countries, Mr. M K Narayanan, National Security Adviser and Mr. Dai Bingguo,State Councillor held useful and positive discussions on the framework for the settlement of the India-China boundary question on the basis of the Agreement on the Political Parameters and Guiding Principles for the Settlement of the India-China Boundary Question signed on April 11, 2005. The two Special Representatives reaffirmed the consensus to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution to the boundary question through consultations on an equal footing, proceeding from the political perspective of overall bilateral relations. The two sides agreed that the next round of talks would be held in Delhi. The specific dates would be decided through diplomatic channels.